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In re Application of
Azusawa, et al.
Application No. 09/356,692
Filed: July 20, 1999
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: DECISION ON PETITION
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.182
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.182, filed March 24, 2008, requesting entry of an amendment to the specification to insert a reference to an earlier-filed application pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 120 for the benefit of priority to the prior-filed nonprovisional application set forth in the amendment filed with the petition.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-noted abandoned application failed to make a specific reference to the prior-filed applications; namely, 07/928,099, filed August 13, 1992, and 07/715,457, filed June 14, 1991, prior to abandonment. Petitioner now requests that the abandoned application be amended by inserting a reference to the earlier-filed application. The petition is accompanied by an amendment to include a reference to the prior-filed application in the first line of the specification following the title of the invention.

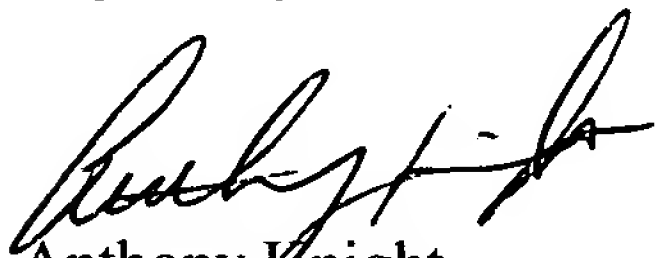
35 U.S.C. § 120 permits entry of a subsequent amendment to an abandoned application in applications filed prior to November 29, 2000 to include the benefit of an earlier filing date for purposes other than prosecution. See Sampson v. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, 195 USPQ 136 (DDC 1976).

In view thereof, the request for entry of an amendment to insert a reference to the above-noted, earlier-filed application is granted.

The amendment has been entered. A corrected Filing Receipt, which includes the priority claim to the prior-filed nonprovisional application, accompanies this decision on petition. Petitioners' deposit account has been debited \$400.00 for the petition fee.

Any inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to Alesia M. Brown, Petitions Attorney, at (571) 272-3205.

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center Art Unit 2615 for entry of the amendment filed March 24, 2008. Thereafter, the application will be returned to the Files Repository.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony Knight', is written over the printed name.

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ATTACHMENT: Corrected Filing Receipt



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Receipt is acknowledged of this non-provisional patent application. The application will be taken up for examination in due course. Applicant will be notified as to the results of the examination. Any correspondence concerning the application must include the following identification information: the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. **If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please submit a written request for a Filing Receipt Correction. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" for this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the Notice. When the USPTO processes the reply to the Notice, the USPTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections**

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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

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Foreign Applications

JAPAN 2-161905 06/19/1990
JAPAN 2-171590 06/28/1990

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Early Publication Request: No

Title

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